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Chief, Plans and Policy Staff, ORE
Attention: [REDACTED]
Chief, Western Europe Division, ORE

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Time lapse in OSO receipt of ORE evaluations.

REFERENCE: (A) Memorandum by AD/OSO of 12 July 1950.

1. D/WE has established to its satisfaction that Reference (A) constitutes neither a complaint nor a "needling operation".

2. D/WE is not unaware of the fact that the burden of evaluating OSO, OO and other reports was imposed without much consideration for the effect on the Division's supposedly "primary" activities. Be that as it may, D/WE remains convinced that the evaluation of OSO reports is not only an ORE obligation but is eminently desirable since it provides one of the few opportunities analysts have to exchange ideas and information [REDACTED]

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3. D/WE further believes that the aforesaid evaluations should be made as expeditiously as possible, not only because it is obviously advantageous to the collector but, more important, because it insures the prompt addition of the new information to the regional stockpile. For these reasons, it has long been a D/WE regulation that reports must be evaluated within 2 working days of their receipt.

4. The time lapse between the receipt and evaluation by ORE of OSO reports is believed to be unnecessarily long for a variety of reasons.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that:

a. The AD/ORE direct the completion of ORE evaluations of OSO reports within 2 working days of their receipt, except, possibly, where exceptional conditions make this virtually impossible. Of course, as usual, the measure of enforcement will spell success or failure.

b. The instructions issued by IC/ORE to Divisional ICs to only forward evaluations once a week be rescinded immediately.

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